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In re Patent Application of:
Tibor Juhasz, J. Randy Alexander

Application No.: 09/536,861

Filed: March 27, 2000

For: METHOD OF CORNEAL SURGERY
BY LASER INCISING A CONTOURED
CORNEAL FLAP

Group Art Unit: 3739

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2001

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2001, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set forth below:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims ~~1-11~~.

Please amend claims 12 and 13 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method for reshaping the cornea of an eye [under a flap of corneal tissue] , said method comprising the steps of:

focusing [the rays of] a pulsed laser beam within the stroma of the cornea to photoalter stromal tissue at a [only said] focal point;